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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
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**To:** Optometrists  
Opticians  
Managed Care Plans  
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00-86 MAA  
01-12 MAA

**Subject: Update to the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and Vendor Rate Increase for Optometrists and Opticians**

**Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001**, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2001 relative value units (RVUs);
- The Year 2001 additions of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) codes;
- Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes; and
- A legislatively appropriated two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase.

**Maximum Allowable Fees**

In updating the fee schedule with Year 2001 RVUs and clinical lab fees, MAA maintained overall budget neutrality. The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect the changes listed above.

**Visual Function Screening**

**Visual Function Screening (CPT code 99172)** – As previously published in Numbered Memorandum 01-12 MAA, MAA no longer covers this service, effective with dates of service on or after May 1, 2001. MAA learned that this procedure code was intended to be used as part of a pre-employment screening examination, which is not considered medically necessary. MAA only covers procedures that are considered medically necessary.

Attached are updated replacement pages H.1-H.2, and K.1-K.2 for MAA's Vision Care Billing Instructions, dated September 2000. To obtain this fee schedule electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>.

Please bill MAA your usual and customary fee.